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October 13, 1983 ---

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM:

PHILIP A. DUR

SUBJECT:

NSPG Meeting on Lebanon, Friday, October 14, 1983,

1:30 - 2:30 p.m., White House Situation Room

Attached at Tab I is a memorandum for Bob Kimmitt's signature transmitting to the agencies the State paper and a detailed discussion agenda for tomorrow's NSPG on Lebanon.

Recommendation

That you approve the memorandum at Tab I for Bob Kimmitt's signature.

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Attachment: Tab I - Memo to Agencies

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DONALD P. GREGG

Assistant to the Vice President
for National Security Affairs

MR. CHARLES HILL Executive Secretary The Department of State

COL. JOHN STANFORD
Executive Secretary
The Department of Defense

Executive Secretary Central Intelligence Agency

MS. JACKIE TILLMAN
Executive Assistant to the United States
Representative to the United Nations

BG. GEORGE A. JOULWAN
Executive Assistant to the Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT:

Background Paper and Agenda for NSPG Meeting, Friday, October 14, 1983
White House Situation Room, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

The subject meeting will be held in the White House Situation Room at 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Friday, October 14, 1983. A background paper and a detailed discussion agenda are attached. Both should be circulated to attendees only. In view of the broader regional context for the discussion, principals may find it useful to review earlier decisions in NSDD-99.

Robert M. Kimmitt Executive Secretary

Attachments as stated

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NATIONAL SECURITY PLANNING GROUP MEETING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1983 WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM 1:3C-2:30 p.m.

AGENDA

I. Introduction

William P. Clark

II. Review of Internal Lebanon Situation

Ambassador McFarlane

- III. Discussion of the Fundamental Choice: Distancing ourselves under the cover of successful cease-fire or preparing for long term effort to prevent Syrian dominated outcome in Lebanon.
- IV. Discussion of Next Steps

Secretary Shultz (all)

- A. What more can we do to promote reconciliation among the Lebanese factions?
 - 1. How do we improve GOL-Shia relations?
 - 2. What are the prospects for splitting the NSF from Syrian dictated positions?
 - 3. What more can be done to cement the ceasefire agreement?
 - 4. How much leeway for compromise does Gemayel have and how can we or the Israelis shield him from Phalangist pressures.
- B. How can we weaken Syria's position in Lebanon?
 - 1. Can we exploit the current crisis within the PLO to encourage a resumption in the Hussein-Arafat dialogue?
 - 2. Can we use the current MNF mandate and the precedent at Suk-Al-Gharb to enlarge the vital security perimeter around Beirut?
 - 3. Are we prepared to use required amounts of force to enforce red lines we create and discourage Assad from testing us.

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- 4. Is our support for the LAF sufficient? Is the level of our current and planned support a hindrance to reconciliation?
- 5. Can we -- or could others -- offer incentives for Turks to posture more aggressively on Syrian borders in response to Armenian terrorist strikes launched from Syria.
- How should we deal with Israel on next steps? C.
 - 1. Can we accelerate the pace of Israeli withdrawals with alternative security arrangements?
 - 2. Should we propose a "new" and enhanced strategic - relationship with Israel?
 - 3. Should we instead, continue to support an Israeli presence in Lebanon as a means of pressuring Syrian to withdraw?
 - 4. How should we encourage the GOL and Israel to deal with the May 17 Agreement?
- Should we--and how would we--elevate Egypt as an alternative to Syrian leadership in the Arab world?
- What new risks and opportunities does an intensification of the Iran-Iraq War portend?

Summary

William P. Clark

(Plans for Tuesday NSPG and decisions on an action-plan for Lebanon and the Middle East).